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1. WE REGARD EFFECTIVE
FUNCTIONING OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS PROCEDURES ON FOOD
AID, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OBLIGATIONS FORMALLY ACCEPTED
BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF FAO, AS IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY.
IN EARLIER YEARS, BURDEN OF CONSULTING WAS BORNE ALMOST
ENTIRELY BY US AS PREDOMINANT SUPPLIER OF FOOD AID. AS
OTHER DONORS HAVE INCREASED SUCH ASSISTANCE, U.S. HAS
ENCOUNTERED CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN GETTING THEM TO
MEET THE CONSULTATIONS STANDARDS WHICH THEY PREVIOUSLY
INSISTED BE FOLLOWED BY THE US. THESE PROBLEMS ARE CONTINU-
ING, PARTICULARLY WITH THE EC.

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2. NOTIFICATIONS BY DONORS ARE USUALLY MADE AT SEAT OF DONOR GOVERNMENT. MISSION IS ACCORDINGLY PROPER CHANNEL FOR NOTIFICATIONS BY EC TO US. BECAUSE OF NECESSARILY SHORT DEADLINES, CABLE COMMUNICATION IS ONLY FEASIBLE METHOD OF MEANINGFUL US RESPONSE WITHIN TIME LIMITS.

3. MISSION PROPOSAL TO FOREGO TELEGRAPHIC RELAY OF NOTIFICATIONS INVOLVING 1,000 TONS OR LESS OF NONFAT DRY MILK WOULD PREVENT EFFECTIVE U.S. RESPONSE AND AS PRACTICAL MATTER WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF RELIEVING EC OF CONSULTATIONS PROCESS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE DE MINIMIS ASPECT OF VERY SMALL TRANSACTIONS IN NONFAT DRY MILK AND PRESENT LIMITED US EXPORT INTEREST FOR THAT COMMODITY. ACCORDINGLY MISSION IS INSTRUCTED AS FOLLOWS.

A. NOTIFICATIONS INVOLVING 500 TONS OR MORE OF NONFAT DRY MILK SHOULD BE CABLED TO WASHINGTON IN FULL, IN USUAL MANNER.

B. FOR NOTIFICATIONS INVOLVING LESSER AMOUNTS, MISSION MAY CABLE ONLY NAME OF RECIPIENT COUNTRY, AMOUNT, AND SUPPLY PERIOD, WITH FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED. THIS WILL ENABLE TIMELY WASHINGTON RESPONSE INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION PERIOD.

5. PRELIMINARY LISTS OF PROGRAMS OR SHIPPING INTENTIONS AS MENTIONED PARA ONE OF REFTEL ARE USEFUL BUT ARE NOT SUBSTITUTIONS FOR NOTIFICATIONS OF FIRM PROPOSALS.

6. REGARDING ALL OTHER COMMODITIES WASHINGTON WISHES TO BE ADVISED OF ALL PROGRAMS, NO MATTER WHAT SIZE. KISSINGER

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